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SUBJECT:

Downgrading and Release of Photography

CHAIRMAN, COMOR TO:

> Reference is made to paragraph 3 of TCS 7895-60 which is the USIB approved paper on downgrading and release of materials from system. the

Photography refeased in accordance with the instructions refere 25X1A USAF 2. at the SECRET level for the purpose of enced above will be preparing target mosaics and charts as well as for intelligence data. To make effective use of these photos, it is essential to know altitude and focal length of the camera. This data is used in the photogrammetric processes for computing elevations and ground distances. Although scale on a vertical photo can in most cases satisfy this need, oblique photos pose a problem.

- It is recommended that the COMOR approve the addition of altitude and focal length of the camera to the referenced paragraph as authorized titling data on the SECRET photos. In making this recommendation, consideration was given to the fact that (a) altitude capability of the U-2 has been released at the SECRET level on a need to know basis in the flight hand book, and (b) the mere location of the photo in the light of current facts provides full implication of source.
- Also recommend changing term "camera configuration" in paragraph 3 to "camera position" and identifying position as shown on the attached sheet. Copies of the attached sheet should then be made available at the SECRET level on a limited distribution basis.

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